

# 47 ADULTS CELEBRATE AT CENTER

Forty-seven Torrance adults held their annual Christmas Party at the Adult Center on Cravens Avenue Tuesday night, December 22. The Center was decorated in the Christmas spirit. There was a large Christmas tree, a mantel piece and table centers all artistically arranged by the ladies of the center. The program for the evening was arranged by the men of the center.

### Entertainment

Different members of the club offered unrehearsed songs, and recitations, to the entertainment of the friendly gathering. Among the entertainment "stars" were: "Chris" Jones, Albert "Coxy" Cox, and "Scotty" Little, who all sang songs from their native countries. Mrs. Viola Clug sang several beautiful selections, and Mrs. Guy Hight offered three songs in harmony. Later Mrs. Iris Steffen led the group in harmony singing, and several others including Englebert Van Bellehem, the father of the recreation director, sang songs and gave recitations.

Following the impromptu entertainment, refreshments were served and a friendly gabfest followed for the rest of the evening.

The party was so enjoyed by all that the group is talking of having them continued as a regular monthly affair. All adults in Torrance are invited to come in and get acquainted. The present members would like to meet the other adults in Torrance. The more who come the more things there will be to do, and so all adults are urged to come.

# Recreation Yule Show Draws Crowd

Saturday, December 19 was a day that will be long remembered by a great number of children in Torrance as a "Red Letter Day." That is the day that nearly sixty youngsters who had been rehearsing for two months finally "staged" their show.

The performance drew an audience of almost 300 parents and their children. There were no gifts for the children so that only the young boys and girls were in attendance with their parents. All of them had a chance to meet and talk to Santa Claus. The program on the stage was considered one of the finest performed by children this year, due to the fine direction of Mrs. Bettie Thomas.

The Recreation Department was so impressed by the way the people received the program that plans have been made to repeat the program next year. The future plans include having Santa Claus available to see and talk to the boys and girls for an hour or two before and after the program.

### 'DAIRY'

# Operations Unlawful

The Mesplou Dairy, 16940 South Crenshaw (near 170th street) drew heavy fire again before the City Council when it was charged that the place was still in violation of a City ordinance and that no attempt to correct this situation had been made despite repeated warnings. Nearby residents also expressed the belief that the place represented a public health menace.

George Powell, city land-use investigator, declared that eleven head of cattle had been kept on the property in violation of a City ordinance which permits only two animals in an A-1 or R-2 zone. There is no indication of a dairy operation, Powell said, but there is evidence that cattle are being transported in and out of there. The mosquito menace, Powell said, presented an immediate hazard.

**Warning Ignored**  
Until now Mesplou has not heeded the city attorney's warning sent in November that he is in violation of the city ordinance.

An inspection of the property by the County Health Department revealed that there was no "public health menace at this time."

Residents appearing before the City Council claimed, however, that the nearness of the cattle presented a sanitation and health hazard especially with close to 200 children in the nearby housing development. The fence was said to be too close to the residences. One of the homeowners claimed that the homes are overrun with mice and that they come from the Mesplou area. The charge has not been substantiated as yet and still awaits investigation by a health officer.



BOARD CHAIRMAN JOSEPH JENSEN (left), of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, presents to George W. Stevens, Torrance's representative on the District Board, a token of the Colorado River water supply being brought to Torrance and the 49 other cities in the Water District. The presentation is in connection with Colorado River Aqueduct Week, Dec. 27-Jan. 2, that has been proclaimed to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the Metropolitan Water District, December 29, 1928.

# City, Southland Observes Colorado Aqueduct Week

Colorado River Aqueduct Week is being observed this week, December 27-January 2, throughout Southern California and Torrance, in recognition of the silver anniversary of the Metropolitan Water District.

For 25 years now the district has been performing the vital public service of providing for a dependable water supply from the Colorado River. The district is the organization that planned, built and operates the world's largest and longest aqueduct system.

When the first meeting of the district directors was held 25 years ago, in Pasadena, they were confronted with a challenge to provide water for a Southern California that was growing fast, even then. The directors worked fast, too, and by 1941 a life-giving stream of Colorado river water was pouring into thirsty cities through a 457-mile system of pipes, tunnels and conduits.

"Although the Metropolitan Water District has shown large gains by every yardstick of growth during the past 25 years, it is just entering its greatest period of usefulness," said Joseph Jensen, chairman of the board of directors.

**Maximum Capacity**  
Pointing to the aqueduct's maximum capacity of more than one billion gallons of water daily, Jensen said present use approximates about one-fifth of that figure.

"This means that our Colorado river reserve supply can take care of the water needs of another four to five million people, or almost double the present population now living within the district boundaries," the water official declared.

**Program**  
Preparations for keeping ahead of the demands of that new population influx are being implemented through a \$52,000,000 construction program which is under the direction of Robert B. Diemer, general manager and chief engineer.

The district's expansion program includes installation of additional giant pumps along the main aqueduct, construction of a new reservoir in the Monterey Park area and laying of more miles of pipes at numerous locations in the water distribution system that radiates

to 50 of the principal cities in Southern California.

**First Major Addition**  
Water officials point out that this is the first major addition that has been required for the huge aqueduct system, which was built at an original cost of almost \$200,000,000. The aqueduct was under construction from 1932 to 1941 and has been in operation since that time.

"We believe it is a matter of pride for all Southern Californians to know that the entire cost of their Metropolitan aqueduct is being paid for by the water users and taxpayers of this area, without any federal subsidy or controls," said Chairman Jensen.

**Cities Benefitting**  
The number of incorporated cities in the Metropolitan Water District has increased from the original 11 to 50. Its area has increased from 624 square miles in 1928 to more than 1700 square miles in December, 1953. Originally the district areas were situated in Los Angeles and Orange counties; in December, 1953, district territory extended into five California counties, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino and Riverside.

The population of the district has increased from 1,600,000 in 1928 to more than 4,000,000 in



Dear Readers:

This time of year we're relaxing from all of our Christmas shopping. There isn't much we need to buy in the line of material goods so let's take another kind of shopping tour. Let's go shopping around in our own minds and discard a few of last year's thoughts and make room for new constructive thoughts, the thoughts that can bring us the happiness, health and wealth that we're all seeking to find.

Let's go shopping for HAPPINESS. A poet once said, "You have to believe in happiness or happiness never comes." Even if it isn't an outward thing, can you, or do you believe it exists? Looking for the good

1953; its assessed valuation has grown from \$2,200,000,000 in 1928 to more than \$6,000,000,000 in 1953. The population and assessed valuation of the Metropolitan Water district now represents about 75 per cent of the total Southland water service area.

and the bright side of things brings that happiness right to your door. It's easier to smile than it is to frown and I bet that smile is the key to unlocking the door to happiness. Once you forget how to smile, you've locked that door. Smile and let's open it now!

Let's go shopping for HEALTH. First let's breakdown the word disease, it means lack of ease—dis-ease. When we are worried, irritated, hateful or disgusted with life or other people we naturally are not at ease and we put our bodies and minds through terrible torture. But we're shopping for health, so let's examine those thoughts and throw away the ones that are hurting us. Let's find those that put us at ease. They're not for sale in any store, they're free if we can except them.

Let's go shopping for WEALTH. Life doesn't need to be considered a battle, let's call it a game. A game of giving and receiving. As you give in thought, word and deed so it is

# VACATIONING

Mr. and Mrs. E. Urban, of Torrance, are stopping at El Rancho Vegas during a brief vacation in Las Vegas, Nevada.

HOW MUCH have cost us the evils that never happened.

—Jefferson

given back to you in happiness, health; and money. Set a goal in life. If you have no goal, how can you reach one? Only one thing can limit you and that is your own fear or fears. Faith is on the opposite end of the stick. If you think you're beaten, you are. Success begins in your own acceptance and belief.

Happy New Year, MARJORIE

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# BASKETBALL SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

The adult basketball practice game schedule in the Torrance high school boys' gym is as follows for this week: Tuesday, December 29.

7:15 p.m., Court 1, Eagles vs Don Merrell's; 8:30 p.m., Court 1, Fenwick's Shoes vs Banner Drugs; 8:30 p.m., Court 2, Bud Waller's vs Treskes Men's Shop. Wednesday, December 30: 7:15 p.m., Court 1, Harvey Canteen vs Allen's Burgers; 7:15 p.m., Court 2, Torrance Teachers vs Harbor Hornets; 8:30 p.m., Court 1, Al's Knolls Drugs vs Night Fighters.

### DUPLICATE IGNITION KEYS

To avoid the embarrassing delay caused by being accidentally locked out of your automobile, the Automobile Club of Southern California suggests that, extra duplicate keys should be obtained from a locksmith. Tape one to some portion of the chassis; place the other one in your billfold. When an emergency arises, either will be available for use.

# 'SQUARES' GET FINAL WARNING

The Torrance Recreation Department through its Tuesday night square dance class and its sponsored "Dudes and Dolls" Wednesday night Square Dance Club cordially invites all square dancers to the New Year's square dance party being held in the Torrance Civic Auditorium, Wednesday, December 30 at 8 p.m.

There will be no admission charge to the dance, and it is anticipated that there will be more than enough squares to fill the hall that evening. Several hundred invitations have been mailed to local square dancers to attend the dance that night. The caller for the evening is going to be the extremely popular local man, Darrell Brown.

This is positively the last warning to square dancers to be sure and attend this dance, it was announced.

A MASK of gold hides all deformities.—Dekker.

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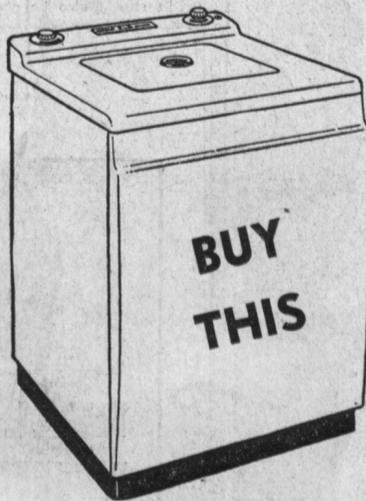


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